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COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS**

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As far as is known to the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and therefore, the IDS is properly submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). In the event, however, that an Office Action has crossed in the mail with this IDS, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 for the fee required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) so that the IDS is properly submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2). A duplicate copy of this statement is enclosed.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicants or Applicants' representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicants' representative hereby

provides this Information Disclosure Statement prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98 and includes Form PTO-1449.

Copies of the items listed on Form PTO-1449 are provided pursuant to C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2).

All of the items AA-BN listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in the English language. Therefore, no further explanation of these items is required. See 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii).

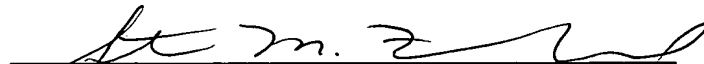
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the listed references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Although these documents are being made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicants or Applicants' representative that any of the references are material to patentability or effective as prior art against the subject application.

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